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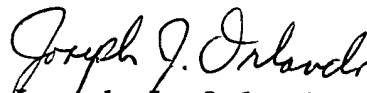
By the present Preliminary Amendment the applicants have added new claims 41 to 48 to the application. The eight additional dependent claims require an additional payment of \$144.00. A check in the amount of \$144.00 covering the fee for the additional claims is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the newly introduced claims 41 to 48 be examined contemporaneously with claims 20 to 40.

By the present amendment the applicants have also corrected a typographical error in claim 29, amended hereby.

Respectfully submitted,

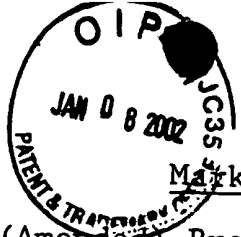
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29. (Amended) Process according to Claim 23, characterized in that, when it is a solid, the fluoroformate is obtained in crystalline form by adding to the fluoroformate solution a compound which does not dissolve the fluoroformate, chosen from [a polar] apolar aprotic solvents, after which the fluoroformate is made to precipitate.

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